



Council on Mentally Ill Offenders (COMIO)

Date November 29, 2006

Location Orange County Sheriff's Katella Training Center
1900 W. Katella
Orange, California

Time 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting called by: Chairperson James E. Tilton

Members: James E. Tilton, Council Chairperson and Secretary, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D., Council Vice Chairman and Director, California Department of Mental Health; David Lehman, Chief Probation Officer, Humboldt County, and Member, Board of Corrections (Ret.); Wendy Lindley, Judge, Orange County Superior Court; Duane E. McWaine, M.D., Medical Director, Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center, Los Angeles; David Meyer, J.D., Clinical Professor/Research Scholar, Institute of Psychiatry, Law and the Behavioral Sciences, USC Keck School of Medicine; Jo Robinson, M.F.T., Assistant Director, Programs/Director, San Francisco Jail Psychiatric Services; James Sweeney, President, Impact, LLC.; Charles L. Walters, Ph.D., Assistant Sheriff, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department

----- Agenda Topics -----

1. Chairperson James E. Tilton Roll call - Adoption of previous meeting minutes
2. Chairperson James E. Tilton Welcome new member – Charles Walters, Assistant Sheriff, O.C.S.D.
3. Council Members Discussion – Future Direction for COMIO
 - Development of priorities / 2007 workplan to be incorporated into Annual Report to the Legislature
 - Merits/risks of COMIO communications/letters to: 1) courts & law enforcement to apply for MHSA funds; 2) propose legislation covering mental health courts, and 3) state & county Prop. 63 planning councils encouraging enhanced funding for mentally ill offender programs
 - Merits/risks in proposing expanded training regarding mentally ill offenders to Judges College (CJR), CSAC training of new supervisors, annual training at D.A.'s conference, etc.
 - Merits/risks in developing a strategy to educate a “champion” who would focus on the MIO issue within the legislature
4. Work Group Members Work group reports back on team of experts to help in development of plans (per 9/21/06 COMIO meeting) –
 - Members Meyer, Sweeney and Robinson
 - Entrance/Egress (1- SB 618 – Inmate Re-Entry / 2- Minimum standards for assessing mental incompetency in justice system / 3- Letters requesting “Best Practices”
 - Members McWaine and Lehman
 - Assessment/Screening (Diversion of jail inmates to mental health facilities / alternate programs)
 - Member Lindley
 - Role of the Courts (Enhancing Psychiatrist P.C. 1026 Evaluations)
 - Members Tilton and Mayberg
 - State/Local Relationships
5. Member Charles Walters Overview of basic academy CORE course re: mental health instruction for officers
6. Member Charles Walters Brief tour of tactical training range, driving simulator, force option simulator (addressing suicidal male), and village scenario addressing mentally disturbed female
7. Council Members Old business update – MIOCR funding and “Words to Deeds” Conference
8. Council Members Adjourn – next meeting January 17 – CDCR/Sacramento